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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant:

Smutney, et al.

Application Number:

09/757,138

Filing Date:

January 9, 2001

Title:

BLUNTABLE NEEDLE ASSEMBLY

WITH OPEN-ENDED BLUNTING

PROBE

Examiner Name:

Roz Maiorino

Group Art Unit:

3763

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- 1. Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:
  - (X) Enclosed:
    - (X) Amendment
    - (X) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - (X) Return Postcard
- 2. Fees:
  - (x) RCE fee (\$770 large entity)
  - (X) Extension of Time fee:
    - (X) One Month (\$110)
- 3. Payment:
  - (X) Check in the amount of \$880 to cover the above fees.

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(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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